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Ordnance Museum grounds closed

The APG Ordnance Museum grounds and access points will be closed to the public Nov. 1 through 21 while artifacts are moved from APG to Fort Lee, Va. For more information call Museum Director Chris Semancik, 410-278-2396.

New way to dial on-post numbers

Dialing on-post numbers has changed. Instead of dialing the prefixes 3, 4, 5 or 6 plus the 4-digit extension, APG employees must dial the 3-digit prefix plus the 4-digit extension. This is the second part of a dialing plan introduced to the installation in May when the DSN prefix changed from 8 to 9-4 and the commercial prefix changed from 9 to 9-9. APG employees are asked to change publications and Web pages to reflect the new 7-digit number. Also, change any pre-programmed speed dial numbers to the 7-digit number. For more information call Allan Herlinger, 410-278-3367.

RAB meeting today

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting 7 to 9:45 p.m., Oct. 28, at the Ramada Conference Center, 1700 Van Bibber Road, Edgewood. Topics will include Lauderick Creek (Cluster 5 soils), Bush River and Military Munitions Response Program. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited.

For more information, call the Information Line, 410-272-8842 or 800-APG-9998.

Hallelujah Harvest, Oct. 31

The chapel congregations invite all to attend the Hallelujah Harvest Oct. 31 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Aberdeen Area Chapel. For more information call 410-278-4333.

The annual Hallelujah Harvest is an alternative to Halloween trick-or-treating. The event will feature special games and activities for children. Attendees can come

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Photo by SEAN KIEF, GARRISON PHOTOGRAPHER
The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command uncases its colors during a ceremony Oct. 22, marking the command's official arrival to Aberdeen Proving Ground from Fort Monmouth, N.J., as part of the implementation of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure legislation.

CECOM officially joins the APG community

Story by **ANDRICKA THOMAS**
CECOM Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command unfurled its colors Oct. 22 at a ceremony marking the official arrival of CECOM to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

The uncasing of the CECOM colors, symbolizes "...not only our new presence here, but also the continuity of mission, of vision, of people and purpose of the United States Army Communications-Electronics Command, or simply, CECOM," said Maj. Gen. Randolph P. Strong, CECOM commander, in his remarks at the ceremony.

The CECOM Logistics and Readiness Center color guard opened the ceremony with the national anthem echoing in the courtyard of the new command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance Center of Excellence campus. CECOM and C4ISR partner organization personnel were in attendance to

witness the start of a new chapter for their command teams.

As part of the Army's implementation of Base Realignment and Closure legislation passed by Congress in 2005, CECOM is in the final phases of its relocation from Fort Monmouth, N.J., to APG. With the completion of the construction of the first phase of the C4ISR Center of Excellence, the Army's C4ISR Materiel Enterprise comprised of CECOM and partner organizations will now be co-located at the \$800 million, 2.5 million square-foot campus.

The APG Garrison leadership, Maryland state, and Harford county officials presented CECOM with symbols of the state in a gesture of welcome during the ceremony. Maryland Secretary of Higher Education Dr. James E. Lyons Sr. expressed his sentiment on the new partnership between CECOM and Maryland colleges and universities. Lyons stated that Maryland's institutions

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UMD eyes expanding education opportunities at APG

Story and photo by **ROGER TEEL**
RDECOM

Calling the growth and development taking place in the northern Chesapeake Bay area "amazing," University of Maryland leaders met with the senior APG commander Oct. 18 to discuss an expansion of the university's presence to better serve the educational needs of an evolving workforce.

"The institution realizes the need to be here," Dr. Brit Kirwan, chancellor of The University System of Maryland, told Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, installation commanding general.

The meeting was the first in the new Boeing corporate offices at The GATE Office and Technology Park, according to Edward St. John, president of St. John Properties, who welcomed the group.

Also attending were: former State Sen. Frank X. Kelly, a member of the Board of Regents, The University System of Maryland; Patrick Hogan, associate vice chancellor

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Maj. Gen. Nick Justice, right, senior installation commander, Aberdeen Proving Ground, discusses a proposed University of Maryland expansion as Edward St. John, president of St. John Properties, left, and former Maryland State Senator Frank Kelly, center, listen.

Top ten reasons to support the Combined Federal Campaign

Chesapeake Bay Area CFC

The Aberdeen Proving Ground 2010 Combined Federal Campaign is on its way to reaching the goal of raising \$485,000 in donations.

Below are the top ten reasons to give to the APG 2010 CFC Campaign.

1. At least one, if not multiple Combined Federal Campaign charities, have had (or will have in the future) an impact on your life or the life of someone you care about.

2. Federal employees have more job security than most people in the United States today.

3. It is easier than ever before to give to one or more charities through online giving at www.cbafc.org.

4. Many charities depend on federal employees' generosity through the CFC to keep their doors open to the public. Through your CFC pledge, these non-profit organizations can continue to provide critically needed health and human services to the community, country and planet.

5. If you haven't given to the CFC before, consider a small dollar amount per pay. It's amazing to see how far a charity can make \$1, \$2, or even \$5 per pay go. (A minimum of twelve months for military and 26 months for civilians).

6. Giving to the CFC through payroll deduction is a safe, proven, and easy way to make a larger donation feel not quite so large as your total pledge is incrementally deducted from

your paycheck over the course of the year, beginning with the first pay period of 2011.

7. During these challenging economic times, imagine those who are worse off. They are experiencing financial hardships two-fold.

8. Attend a CFC special event. They're a fun and relaxing way to take a step away from the stresses of life to celebrate philanthropy and show your enthusiasm for the CFC.

9. Compete for a CFC auction item. It works just like the commercial online auction sites, but the benefits go to CFC charities and you come away with a great gift.

"Check the auction regularly as we will be adding new items throughout the campaign," said Lesley Bell, APG's CFC chairperson.

10. Giving is its own reward. To review the various charities and make an online donation, go to www.cbafc.org. For the APG Online Silent Auction, go to www.apg.army.mil/apg-home and click on the link located near the CFC thermometer.

CFC is a campaign of the three C's: Choice, Convenience and Confidence. By donating through the CFC, you will know the charities were selected by your fellow federal employees, and the credibility of the charities was fully vetted by the Office of Personnel Management.

For more information, call the APG CFC Office building 4313, 410-278-9913/9915/9916, or email apgr-usag-cfc@conus.army.mil.

Annual Army Resident Survey process to resume

Story by **ANGELA MARCUM**
Picerne Military Housing

Each year, the Department of the Army surveys residents at all Army installations in the United States to gauge satisfaction with their on-post Family housing experience—from maintenance and management, to the type of home a Family lives in. This survey is very important because it offers every resident living in privatized housing a chance to provide their feedback to let the housing partner and the Army know how the partnership is doing in meeting customer satisfaction and resident needs.

As a reminder, the purpose of this survey is to let the residents tell the Department of Army, the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) and Picerne Military Housing how the partnership is doing in meeting on-post housing needs. Each resident's evaluation is very important. The information given will help guide Picerne and the Army in providing future improvements to Aberdeen Proving Ground housing and services.

Every Family living in a home on post should fill out the survey. All survey answers are strictly confidential and residents are urged to offer honest responses. Personal data is not tabulated and the survey does not identify the resident in any way. Military retirees and feder-

al employees filling out the survey should select "civilian" or "other" when asked about military branch of service and rank.

Picerne urges all residents to please take the time to complete the annual Army housing satisfaction survey. If you do not have the survey, you can pick one up at the Neighborhood Office, 2727 Chesapeake Blvd.

Residents should complete, seal and return the survey in the prepaid envelope by either bringing it by the Neighborhood Office or mailing it back directly.

Picerne Military Housing will host a survey prize drawing for all residents that complete and submit the survey through the Neighborhood Office to win a Garmin GPS. The drawing will be held on Nov. 10. All residents who complete the survey are eligible to win. To enter the drawing, residents should bring their completed, sealed survey to their Neighborhood Office and present it to the neighborhood staff. Residents will then be given an entry form to fill out for a chance to win the GPS. For more information on the survey or the prize drawing, residents should contact the Neighborhood Office at 410-305-1076.

This is the residents' opportunity to make a difference and make the future brighter for everyone living on post, so please take the time to fill out the survey.



COMMANDER'S CORNER



By
MAJ. GEN. NICK JUSTICE
*U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command
and Aberdeen Proving Ground Commanding General*

My goal is to continue sharing the 5 P's with everyone at Aberdeen Proving Ground. What are the 5 P's? It's a way of thinking and working that you may find valuable. I define them as people, places, purse, processes and products. It's a framework, which allows me way to accomplish the mission and maintain focus.

Last week, we talked about places and before that people. Now, I want to talk about purse. This is how we define purse within the Research, Development and Engineering Command: Develop and execute a balanced portfolio of resources and maximize delivery of capabilities and engineering facilities and equipment.

We are obligated to the Army's senior leaders to deliver capabilities with the money with which they entrust to us. It is imperative we execute our budgets with proper forethought and diligence because we must be good stewards of the taxpayer's dollars.

I would suggest we get more "bang for the buck" by collaborating on common projects. All of us here on this installation have supporting and supported relationships with each other. Our missions are complementary.

If all of us come together with common requirements, we would pool our monies against common efforts and add clarity to our purpose.

I'd like to share with you an example from American history. In 1867, farmers in the Midwest formed a fraternal organization known as the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry. The "Grangers" held educational events and social gatherings, but the



group evolved into a powerful friend of the American farmer.

By the 1870s, Grangers organized cooperative purchasing ventures to use the power of the collective to get lower prices on farm equipment. They pooled money and actually formed the first credit unions in America.

I'm looking for the grange, the farm grange, where we only buy one tractor because it will plow all of our

fields, sharing the costs of what it takes to do our job.

Money is a good way to define capabilities in terms of the ability to integrate and support each other in what we're doing. We could spend monies on common places, or we could spend money on common education processes to strengthen our workforce. I believe it would be a good investment for the whole community.

But, it goes broader than being able to leverage the power of money collectively across organizations. What's happening at APG is incredible because of the complementary relationships between organizations that are already here and those that are coming here. It's allowing us to do things that have never been done before. It is literally a force multiplier for each of us to have that collective power, and it's the power of money focused on common effort.

I often speak of our mission to empower, unburden and protect the Warfighter. The power of the purse follows that same structure. It empowers all of us, especially collectively. It empowers us to work together toward common goals. Working together unburdens us fiscally and creates the power of synergy. It also empowers us to do many more things that we don't have the opportunity to do right now.

In today's economy and the drive toward spending smarter, I would suggest we do more to seek efficiencies and partner when it makes sense. It's the power of the collective. We all have the obligation to focus on the Warfighter. You have to ask yourself, is the money we are spending focused on empowering, unburdening and protecting the Warfighter?

Next week we're going to talk about another pillar of the 5 P's: Processes. Army Strong!

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Be safe for Halloween

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Aberdeen Proving Ground housing area residents will celebrate Halloween Oct. 31. Trick-or-Treat hours are 6 to 8 p.m. Children can visit the McGruff Community Policing House on Flag Court for a special treat. The following are safety tips from the Installation Safety Office to ensure a safe Halloween for everyone.

Costumes

When purchasing a costume or wig, look for a label that reads "Flame Resistant." Although this does not mean the item won't catch fire, it does indicate it will resist burning and should extinguish quickly. To minimize the risk of flames, avoid costumes that are constructed of flimsy materials, have baggy sleeves or billowing skirts.

Protect your children this Halloween using the following safety tips:

Costume designs

Purchase or make costumes that are light and bright enough to be clearly visible to motorists and short enough to prevent tripping.

For greater visibility, decorate or trim costumes and bags with reflective tape or "glow" spray paint that will reflect the beams of car headlights. Reflective tape



is usually available in hardware, bicycle and sporting goods stores.

To make children more visible to drivers, have them carry flashlights or chemical light sticks so they can see and be seen.

Children should wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes; not mother's high heels or big, floppy clown shoes.

Secure identification tag containing name, address, phone number, etc., within Halloween attire or on a bracelet and carry a cell phone.

Hats, scarves masks and other head gear should be fastened securely to prevent them from slipping over children's eyes.

Apply a natural mask (nontoxic and hypoallergenic) of cosmetics rather than

have a child wear a loose-fitting mask that might restrict breathing or obscure vision.

Swords, knives and similar accessories should be made of soft, flexible materials.

Pedestrian safety

Young children should walk, not run from house to house and avoid dark alleys, parks and backyards.

Children should use well-lit sidewalks, look in both directions before crossing the street and obey all traffic signals.

Cross only at street corners, never between parked cars or diagonally across an intersection.

Plan a safe route and set a time to return home.

Adults should accompany young children while trick-or-treating.

Choosing safe houses

Children should not enter homes of strangers. They should only enter homes of people who are known and trusted.

Remind children to never accept rides from strangers. Caution them about tactics used to lure children into houses or cars.

Call 911 immediately to report suspicious behavior or criminal activity.

Decorations

Ensure front door, porch or exte-

rior is well lit for trick-or-treaters. Remove anything that could be an obstacle such as flower pots, decorations, etc.

Pumpkin jack-o-lanterns with lit candles should be kept away from landings, doorsteps or walkways where they might come in contact with costumes. Never leave candles unattended.

Treats

Instruct children to bring their candy home and prohibit them from consuming any treats until an adult has examined them for signs of tampering.

Pet safety

Keep dogs away from doors to avoid frightening children. Do not allow pets to consume Halloween candies. Remember that chocolate and the artificial sweetener Xylitol can be deadly to dogs in any amount. Wrappers can get stuck in your pets' digestive track and cause illness or even death.

Alternative fun

Instead of trick-or-treating, organize a Halloween costume party for children with games, treats, contests, and other events.

If attending an adult party, make sure you scare up a designated driver to ensure you don't drink and drive.

Commentary: Friendly reminders for a safe Halloween

By
MIKE FARLOW
DES

It's that time of the year again, when everyone gets to dress up and go into the community for one night under the cover of darkness and gather candy from their neighbors. Adults tell children all year long to avoid talking to strangers let alone take candy from them. Then on this one special night something strange happens to the adults. It could be that the candy monster takes over their minds, causing them to use their children to bring back as much free candy as possible for them. Or, it could be an excuse for mommies and daddies to dress up and go out to get candy like they did when they were younger. Whatever the case, the Aberdeen Proving Ground Directorate of Emergency Services wants everyone to remember this year for the treats that they receive and not for the tricks that were delivered, so, here are some friendly reminders to the community about Halloween Safety.

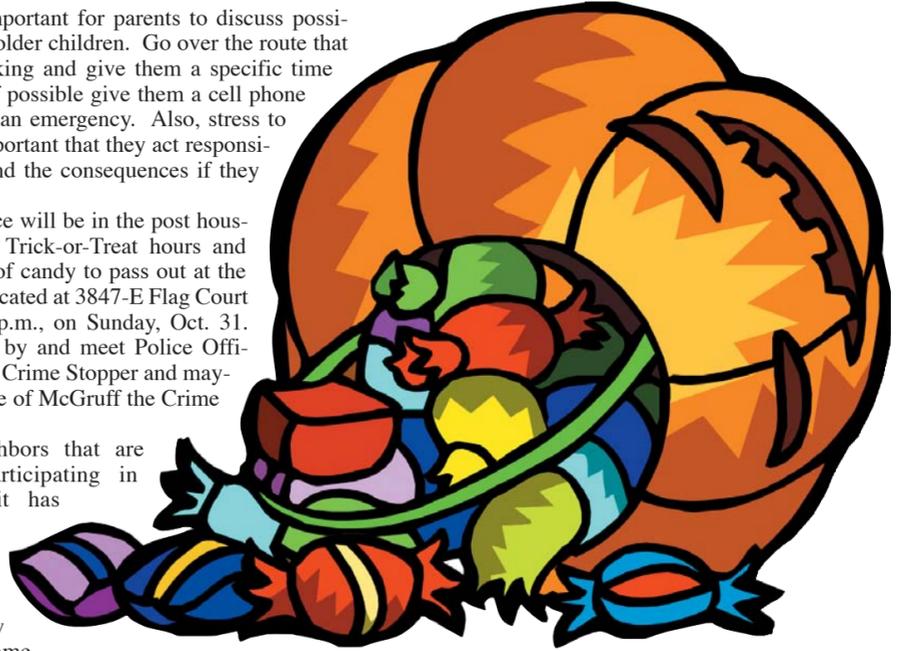
You can start off by choosing the right costume. Make sure that the costume fits properly to reduce tripping, and remember that make-up is less likely than a mask to obstruct vision. Dress children in bright colors to make them more visible to cars and have them carry a flashlight or a glow stick to guide them safely through the neighborhood. Keeping with the theme of Fire Prevention Month, be sure costumes are flame-retardant to reduce the dangers produced by decorations like candles. Children should always travel in groups and make sure young children are accompanied by an adult. Ensure children know to never enter a strangers' home or car even with the promise of candy. Discuss with children what they should do if they were to encounter this type of situation by having them say "No" and then go tell a trusted adult immediately and notify the police. Once the trick-or-treating is finished, be sure to inspect the candy in a well-lit area before it

is eaten. It is important for parents to discuss possible dangers with older children. Go over the route that they will be walking and give them a specific time to return home, if possible give them a cell phone to use in case of an emergency. Also, stress to them that it is important that they act responsibly and understand the consequences if they choose not to.

The APG Police will be in the post housing areas during Trick-or-Treat hours and will have plenty of candy to pass out at the McGruff house located at 3847-E Flag Court between, 6 to 8 p.m., on Sunday, Oct. 31. Feel free to stop by and meet Police Officers, Chopper the Crime Stopper and maybe catch a glimpse of McGruff the Crime Fighting Dog.

For our neighbors that are planning on participating in candy giving, it has been a tradition to leave your porch light on to let the trick-or-treaters know they are welcome to stop by for candy. As always, remember that you are our eyes and ears, so report suspicious activity in your area to the police immediately.

Editor's Note: Mike "Big Mike" Farlow is the APG Community Policing Officer and a detective with the Directorate of Emergency Services.



UMD

From front page

for Government Relations, The University System of Maryland; Jerry Wit, senior vice president of St. John Properties, and Sharon Akers, executive director of the Edward St. John Foundation.

Calling an expanded university presence at APG "a good talking point," Justice said such a measure would have a considerable and lasting impact.

"What we need to do is create our own chamber of commerce," Justice said, outlining the business process he would like to have in place to field such endeavors. "We need an opportunity to come to you with a strategic plan of what we need. I can tell you what I need, but I can't tell you the quantities that I need for a sustained effort."

Justice said he would frame a strategic plan for the educators, and address the educational needs of all installation stakeholders.

"We're going to move out and develop a strategic plan for you, with the intent that - and I'm speaking for my industry partners - what we want to do is offer classes here so they don't have to commute to the campuses. I need to be able to guarantee you a student popula-

tion, and I can't do that alone," he said.

Kirwan agreed with Justice's goals.

"That's very important, and I'm delighted to hear you say that," Kirwan said.

"This is exactly what we need. We need to know what areas of study and what the demand is. We can really tailor our response to meet the needs, and that's what we want, to align your needs with our program management."

Justice was supportive of bringing university offerings on board, and drew parallels to North Carolina's Research Triangle Park as he discussed the economic and cultural impact APG will have in Maryland's future.

"The workforce at APG will be a continuing requirement," Justice said. "This will create something far bigger than people realize right now."

"When you see BRAC come together and the second- and third-order spin-outs, it reminds me of the Research Triangle Park that has been the catalyst for the whole economic environment of the state."

The U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command and the University of Maryland signed a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement Sept. 28. The CRADA, as it is called, provides for an open exchange of ideas between the two institutions.

Community Notes

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 29 FREE DINNER FOR ACTIVE DUTY MILITARY AND FAMILIES

Active duty military and their Families can dine free, 5 to 7 p.m., every Friday through Nov. 11, Veterans Day, with members of VFW Darlington/Dublin Memorial Post 10146, located on Route 1, northwest of junction at Route 1 and Route 136. Cost of the dinner for everyone else is \$7 per person. For more information, call Stuart, 410-457-5461.

GHOST STORIES AT PERRY POINT MANSION

Telling ghost stories in an historic mansion already reputed to be haunted. What a way to usher in Halloween. The Perry Point VA Medical Center will host two open houses and tours of the historic Perry Point Mansion. From 1 to 4 p.m., veterans and employees can tour the mansion. From 5 to 7 p.m. the mansion will be open to the public. Both events are free. The Perry Point Mansion, which was built around 1750, is located at 501 Fifth Street in the village area of the Perry Point VA Medical Center. In addition to touring the historic Perry Point Mansion House, participants will have the opportunity to learn about the unique historical significance of the Perry Point campus, as well as listen to storytellers' folklore presentations about The Legend of the Schooner Jenny, The Legend of Sonny Bean, The Legend of Aggie, and The Tally Po. For more information, call Margaret Hornberger, 1-800-949-1003, extension 5407.

BASKET AND PURSE BINGO

The Aberdeen High School Leo Club will sponsor basket and purse bingo at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, Aberdeen. Doors open 6 p.m., Bingo begins at 7 p.m. Presale tickets cost \$10 each; tickets cost \$12 at the door. Extra packs cost \$5 each. Bring a canned good or non-perishable food item for a bonus prize ticket. Food and drinks will be available.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

FRIDAY FAMILY CAMPFIRE - GHOSTLY TALES AND TREATS

Come to the Pontoon Pier property for food and seasonal fun around the

campfire. This program will be held 6 to 7:30 p.m. for all ages. The cost is \$3 per person or \$10 per Family (limit 5 per Family). Registration is required. For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 30 TRAIN FOR THE AMERICAN ODYSSEY RELAY

The American Odyssey Relay is a 200-mile running competition in which teams of 12 run from Gettysburg, Pa. to Washington, D.C. The historic course takes competitors through Civil War landmarks, scenic country roads and past D.C. monuments. Relay dates are April 29 to 30. Fees cost \$1,200 per team until Dec 31; fees will cost \$1,320 after. A portion of the profits from all race registrations will be donated to Hope For The Warriors®, which also plans to enter teams in the relay to compete and raise funds. For more information about Hope For The Warriors® please visit www.hopeforthewarriors.org.

For more information about the relay, visit www.AmericanOdysseyRelay.com.

LEAF PEEPING HIKE AND PONTOON BOAT RIDE

Start off on the Discovery Trail to witness the fall colors under the tree canopy. Then take a pontoon boat ride to view the expansive beauty of the fall foliage around Otter Point Creek and the Bush River. This program will be held 1 to 4 p.m. for ages 6 to adult. Ages 6 to 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children ages 6 to 12. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 31 HAUNTED HISTORY GHOST TOUR

Is Havre de Grace Haunted? Take a Haunted History Ghost Tour and find out. Havre de Grace Main Street, Inc., will conduct a Haunted History and Ghost Tour through the historic downtown district, 7 to 8:30 p.m. The his-

tory and murder stories are true stories documented either by newspaper or local historians. And the ghost stories are first-hand accounts told to Main Street from the people who experienced them. Private tours can be arranged for groups of at least 8 or more throughout the year. Tickets cost \$12 per person plus a small service fee for online purchase.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-939-1811 or visit <http://www.mainstreethdg.com/ArtsandEntertainment/HauntedHistoryGhostTours/tabid/104/Default.aspx>.

CHESSIE THE CHESAPEAKE BAY SEA SERPENT AND OTHER MYSTERIOUS CREATURES

Learn about the field of cryptozoology, or the study of mysterious creatures, while exploring the legend of Chessie and other famous megafauna. This free program will be held 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

FALL COLORS ON THE CREEK

Adventure up Otter Point Creek to seek the fall changes in the estuary. See the beauty of fall colors in the marsh. Proceeds benefit Envirothon. Support environmental education in Harford County Schools. This program will be held 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Cost is \$10 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

MONDAY

NOVEMBER 1 GUNPOWDER TOASTMASTERS

The Gunpowder Toastmasters will meet 11:40 a.m. to 12:40 p.m., in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility in building E-4516 Seminar Room. Going on a job interview? Giving a presentation? Toastmasters can assist. Toastmasters will help individuals

- Develop better speaking and presentation skills
- Learn to think quickly and clearly
- Build strong leadership abilities
- Hone listening skills

Learn these skills and more in a sup-

portive, self-paced, fun atmosphere. The Gunpowder Toastmasters meet the first and third Mondays each month (unless the date falls on a federal holiday) in the Chemical Demilitarization Training Facility, building E4516 Seminar Room. Click on <http://gunpowder.freetoasthost.info> for directions or contact Heather McDowell at 410-436-7816 for more information.

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 2 CHILDREN'S GARDENING - GARDEN GLEANING

Have fun growing food and flowers here and at home. Enjoy crafts, games, and science disguised as fun, while learning about seeds, life cycles, and growing food and flowers in a watershed-friendly way. This program will be held 3 to 4 p.m. for ages 5 to 10. The cost is \$5 per person. Registration is required.

For more information, to register or for directions to the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center, call 410-612-1688 or 410-879-2000, ext. 1688.

WEDNESDAY

NOVEMBER 3 GRADUATE INFORMATION SESSION

The Loyola University Maryland Timonium Graduate Center located at 2034 Greenspring Drive, Timonium, Md., will hold a Graduate Information Session, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Learn about Loyola's graduate programs in computer science and software engineering.

For more information, call Lewis Berman, 410-617-2587 or visit www.loyola.edu/cs.

THURSDAY

NOVEMBER 4 MAGNET SCHOOLS OPEN HOUSE

Open House for the Global Studies/International Baccalaureate Programme (GS/IB) at Edgewood High School will be held 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Attendance is not required at the Open House for application or admission to any magnet program. Visit www.hcps.org for applications to each of the magnet programs.

(Editors Note: More calendar events can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Community Notes.)

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dressed as their favorite Bible character or saint. Parents or caregivers are asked to attend with their children.

Trick or treat, Oct. 31

Halloween and the traditional trick-or-treat activities will be celebrated at Aberdeen Proving Ground on Sunday, Oct. 31. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by an adult. The limited period between 6 and 8 p.m. is specifically designated for trick-or-treating.

Personnel driving in the housing areas during this time are cautioned to exercise extreme care, and to be especially watchful for young children who may not be readily visible or attentive to moving vehicles. It is strongly recommended that children wear reflective markings on their costumes or carry a flashlight.

The cooperation of all concerned is being solicited to ensure a safe and happy Halloween at APG.

EMS training, Nov. 1

Garrison DPW Environmental Division will host Environmental Management System training Nov. 1, 10 to 10:30 a.m., building E5771. Please contact Barbara Seker, barbara.seker@us.army.mil, 410-436-9239 to reserve your space.

NFFE Local 178 to host town hall meeting

Local 178, National Federation of Federal Employees will host a town hall meeting at noon, Nov. 10, at the Edgewood Area Conference Center, building E4810. The meeting is open to all employees of Aberdeen Proving Ground. Topics to be presented and discussed include Lab Demo update, A-76 Study, Overtime Grievance Case update, and the NFFE Local 178 Legal Services Plan (new).

For more information, call 410-436-3942/0623.

BJ's membership sale

The Civilian Welfare Fund will sponsor BJ's discount membership registration, Nov. 16 at the Southside Grill located in the Stark Recreation Center, building E4140, Edgewood Area and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 18 in the APG Bowling Center, building 2342, Aberdeen Area. These are the last dates to sign up before the holiday season.

BJ's Wholesale Club offers 15-month membership for \$35 for all civilian and military personnel, retirees and contract employees. This offer is good for new customers and for membership renewals. Save \$10 and get three months free. Renewal membership holders should bring their current card with them.

For more information, call Patti Harkins, 410-436-4467 or e-mail patti.harkins@us.army.mil.

AUSA monthly meeting, Nov. 16

The monthly meeting for the Association of the United States Army will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Richlin Ballroom, 1700 Van Bibber Road in Edgewood Nov. 16. The guest speaker is Maj. Gen. Randolph Strong, commander, U.S. Army Communications-Electronics Command. The cost is \$20 via PayPal at <http://ausa-aberdeen.org/>, or cash or check at the door. Multiple tickets may now be purchased at one time via PayPal. Payments are non-refundable. Please RSVP promptly by e-mail to c2402@ausa.org. Seating is limited. This meeting may qualify for CLP. Sponsorships are available; contact Bill Sucht-

ing at 410-306-8360 or Kathy Kage at 410-273-1705

Celebrate Native American heritage

The annual Native American Heritage observance will be celebrated 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Nov. 17 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326. Guest speaker will be Mr. Robert Gajdys. For more information, please contact Sgt. 1st Class LaQuita Wimbley, 410-306-2053; or Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023.

Support Native American Heritage

The APG Native American Heritage planning committee is looking for volunteers. Anyone who would like to join, contact Sgt. First Class LaQuita Wimbley, Equal Opportunity Advisor, 410-306-2053; Jan Burke, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, 410-278-1161; or Linda Patrick, 410-436-1023.

CPR, AED classes available

Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services is offering CPR and automated external defibrillator classes on APG.

Two classes will be held 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m., the third Wednesday of each month.

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held at the Post Chapel, classroom 3, Nov. 17.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held at the Conference Center, building E-4810, Dec. 15. Class size will be limited to 30 participants.

For more information or to register, call Mike Davis, 410-306-0572, or e-mail michael.ray.davis@us.army.mil.

Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal, Nov. 25.

The Thanksgiving Day Specialty Meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4503 and the Edgewood Area dining facility, building E4225, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 25.

During this event all military personnel, Family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The holiday meal rate of \$7 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and Family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilians, retirees and their guests. The holiday discount meal rate of \$5.95 applies to spouses and other Family members of enlisted personnel in the ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The menu includes hearty turkey and wild rice soup, shrimp cocktail, roast turkey with gravy, baked ham with raisin sauce, carved to order beef top round, cornbread dressing, savory bread dressing, mashed potatoes, candied yams, steamed broccoli, buttered corn, green beans almondine, assorted salad bar, fruit salad, cucumber salad, Waldorf salad, cranberry sauce, assorted breads, buttered hot rolls, bread sticks, assorted traditional pies, assorted fresh fruits, hard candies and mixed nuts, soft serve ice cream with assorted toppings, egg nog and assorted beverages. Note: Menu is subject to change without prior notification.

For more information call Edward Parylo or Ernest Green, 410-278-3142 or 3892.

BOSS volunteers serve lunch to homeless

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers (BOSS), along with single and married Soldiers from units and compa-

nies assigned to the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas of APG will serve lunch 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., the third Saturday of each month at the Eastern Family Resource Center located at 9100 Franklin Square Drive in Rosedale, Md. Volunteers are needed to serve lunch at the center Nov. 20. BOSS representatives will wear BOSS shirts; military and civilian volunteers can wear company t-shirts and civilian attire.

For more information, call Cpl. Mathew Beach, 410-652-2710 or BOSS President Spc. Carlos Rios, 410-306-2649.

Restaurant at KUSAHC now open

Ruben's Rotisserie and Grill, located on the first floor of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, is now open for business. Ruben's Rotisserie and Grill serves a variety of breakfast and lunch items including sandwiches, salad, soup, pizza, snacks deserts, coffee, tea, and assorted beverages. The restaurant is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information call 540-446-2474, or email ruben@rubensrotisserie.com. Visa and Mastercard are accepted.

APG needs your input

The Army Family Action Plan (AFAP) process, reviews, prioritizes, and resolves issues solicited from the community. Members of the community submit issues and participate in prioritizing them at the annual AFAP Conference. Issues beyond the scope of the local level are sent to the regional AFAP Conference. Input is needed from Soldiers, civilian employees, Family members, retirees, and youth. Issues may be in any area affecting members of the military community. You may submit an issue in any area you feel is important to your well-being.

For more information and to submit an issue email Marilyn Howard at marilyn.e.howard@us.army.mil or call 410-278-9669. Issues can also be submitted through the AFAP Web site on the APG Home Page www.apg.army.mil/apg-home/sites/services/ACS/AFAP_Issue.cfm

(Editors Note: More Shorts can be seen at www.apgnews.apg.army.mil under Shorts.)

Community Action Council Meeting highlights upcoming events and post improvements

Story by
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APG News

Members of the Aberdeen Proving Ground community gathered at the Edgewood Area Chapel Oct. 20 for the Community Action Council meeting, previously known as the Well-Being Action Council meeting, to discuss upcoming events and post improvements. Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Rodney Rhoades and Mike Lupacchino, director of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation led the meeting. Lupacchino reported on the due outs from previous meetings. To see due outs, go to www.apgmwr.com/events.html#wellbeing.

Commissary

Anne Morrison, representing the APG Commissary, said she was very grateful to the APG community, the Directorate of Public Works and the town of Aberdeen for their support and patience during a recent water main break.

"It was a teamwork effort," she said.

KUSAHC

Lt. Col. Mark Ireland, commander of Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic thanked the APG community for their patience during KUSAHC's renovations earlier in the month.

Ireland announced that the flu shot is now available on a first come, first served basis at KUSAHC for military, Family members, retirees and DoD civilians.

Ireland said that the wait at the pharmacy is low. The average wait time is under five minutes. Any questions or concerns please call the immunization clinic at 410-278-1746.

Ireland said that all are invited to participate in the quarterly consumer health council meetings held at KUSAHC.

These meetings give the public an opportunity to give feedback. The next meeting will be held at the Ortiz Training Center at 8:30 a.m. on Oct. 28.

For more information contact Debbie Dodsworth, KUSAHC patient advocate, 410-278-1724.

FMWR

Lupacchino said that the Army Family Action Planning conference will be held Nov. 1 through 4. "The conference is held every year so we can talk about issues relating to APG," he said.

Lupacchino said that Army Community Service is also looking for more delegates to participate in the AFAP conference.

"We are looking for issues that affect your life on APG," he said. For more information and to submit an issue, visit www.apgmwr.com/resources/iss

ue%20request%20nov%202010%20afap.pdf, or call Marilyn Howard at 410-278-9669.

Lupacchino added that November is the Month of the Military Family. There will be a Dinner and a Movie event on Nov. 18 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center. A free spaghetti dinner will be served before a showing of Toy Story 3. See the APG News and FMWR's InDemand newsletter for upcoming events celebrating the Month of the Military Family.

Christina Lockhart, FMWR marketing director, said the Travel Office is selling the annual White House Ornaments. "They make great Christmas gifts," she said. The Travel Office is located at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 2752.

The annual Holiday Extravaganza and Tree Lighting event in the Aberdeen Area will be held at the AA Recreation Center on Dec. 8. There will also be a Holiday Extravaganza and Tree Lighting event Dec. 14 at the Edgewood Area Recreation Center.

The Holiday Bazaar will be held at the AA Recreation Center on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DPW

Tom Kuchar, director of Public Works said that two fitness paths have been completed in the Edgewood Area.

"We are now actively completing the fitness path in the area of Plumb Point Loop (in the Aberdeen Area)," he said.

Kuchar said the target date to finish the fitness path is the end of November.

Kuchar said that APG is in its non-heating and cooling season.

"This time period not only conserves energy, it also gives us a chance to perform maintenance on systems," he said.

DES

Robert Krauer, director of Emergency Services, thanked those that supported and attended the Community Awareness Day, held at the Directorate of Emergency Services building Oct. 9. More than 500 people attended this event, which is held in conjunction with Fire Prevention Week.

Krauer said the APG police have selected another DARE Officer, Officer Kimberly Long, to assist with the growing program at the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas Child Development centers. The DARE program, which stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, gives children the life skills they need to avoid involvement with drugs, gangs, and violence.

Krauer reminded attendees to use

extreme caution when driving in the housing areas on Halloween night. "There will be lots of police presence in the housing areas to make sure things stay safe," he said. Krauer said that McGruff will be handing out candy at the McGruff House in Patriot Village.

Krauer asked attendees to use caution when driving on APG. He said that this time of year, during mating season, there is always an increase of deer-related accidents. He added that deer usually travel in packs; if one deer is spotted there usually are more in the area.

Logistics

Gene Schneck, director of Logistics said there will be a Thanksgiving specialty meal Nov. 25 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Edgewood and Aberdeen areas dining facilities.

The Aberdeen Area dining facility, building 4503, is now open for breakfast, lunch and dinner to civilians and contractors with valid ID cards.

School Liaison

Stephen Clapper will serve as the new APG school liaison, along with Eileen Campbell.

"I am very proud to be a member of Aberdeen Proving Ground," he said. "I am looking forward to working with all of you more."

To contact Clapper, call 410-278-5014, or email stephen.clapper@us.army.mil.

Campbell said that on Nov. 10 there will be a Team APG Outreach meeting. Campbell encourages all organizations that work with local schools to send a representative to the meeting. For more information call Campbell at 410-278-2857.

Campbell said that an online study resource for military Families, SOAR, can help students prepare for the writing portion of the PSAT and SAT. Visit www.soarathome.org, or call Campbell for more information.

BOSS

Pfc. Billy Pardue, a Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, or BOSS representative, said that BOSS continues to play an active role in the local community. The BOSS program is volunteering at a homeless shelter on the third Saturday of each month. BOSS is also working with Habitat for Humanity. "You don't have to be a single Soldier to help out," he said.

Pardue said that BOSS is also looking for new projects and recreation activities.

"If you have any ideas to be discussed at the next BOSS meeting please contact me at 410-877-5015," he said.

MCSC

Annie Brock president of the Military and Civilian Spouses Club invited attendees to www.apgmcs.org to find out more about what the club has to offer. Brock added that MCSC has a scholarship program available for members.

ICE

Tom Johnson, ICE program manager, told attendees to please use the ICE, or Interactive Customer Evaluation program. "When you leave a comment on ICE a manager should be contacting you within three business days," Johnson said. ICE comments can be made by going to ice.disa.mil or from kiosks on facilities on post.

Picerne

Corinne Williams, communications specialist for Picerne Military Housing, said there will be renovations and upgrades to the playground at Plumb Point Loop.

Rhoades closed the meeting by thanking attendees for attending.

Open Forum

It was announced that the local chapter of the Association of the United States Army will be hosting the APG Holiday Ball Dec. 10 at the Hilton Hotel in Baltimore. Tickets will be sold online for \$50, with reduced ticket prices for lower ranking enlisted Soldiers. For more information contact Mary Jane Jernigan, AUSA president, 410-652-5021.

Rhoades thanked those who attended the meeting.

"Continue to communicate with us so that we can serve you and your Families better," he said.

Rhoades added that in September FMWR presented a variety and talent show performed by the APG community, for the APG community.

"We are going to try to bring more shows and improve them, for our Families," he said. "If you would like to get involved, or have suggestions please contact a FMWR staff member."

Rhoades said that Chaplain (Col.) Orman Boyd, installation chaplain, is working on a project to provide support to a rural village in Kenya. If you have any interest in helping, contact the Chapel Office, 410-278-4593.

The next Community Action Council meeting will be held Nov. 18 at the Aberdeen Area Chapel at 9:30 a.m.

TRICARE urges vigilance when sharing personal information

TRICARE

Identity theft has become a significant issue in recent years and cases involving fraud and similar crimes continue to be on the rise.

Social security numbers, birth dates and addresses are all examples of personally identifiable information (PII) that can be used to steal an identity to commit fraud, affecting finances and even health records. Whether it's on the phone or over the Internet, TRICARE beneficiaries should be vigilant when asked to disclose their personal information.

Email and social networks have made it easier for predators to obtain personal information



but telephone "scams" are still commonly used methods of obtaining personal information.

The Department of Defense often contracts with marketing research companies to obtain feedback about beneficiary

health care experiences. These telephone surveys are valuable in efforts to gauge satisfaction as well as identify areas for improvement. However, TRICARE beneficiaries are reminded these surveyors will not ask

for social security numbers, birth dates, addresses or other PII.

What to remember?

Beneficiaries can take simple steps to safeguard against identity theft - particularly when not knowing who's on the other end of the email or phone:

- Shred documents that contain personal information before discarding.
- Check credit card and bank statements for discrepancies frequently.
- Check health care explanation explanation of benefits (EOBs) for discrepancies. Report suspected TRICARE fraud at www.tricare.mil/fraudAbuse.
- Don't give out social secu-

rity numbers when solicited by strangers.

- Limit the amount of personal information shared online or over the phone.
- Ask themselves why and how much personal information someone needs before providing it.
- Don't respond to suspicious messages received through email or social networks.
- Don't input PII on suspicious forms online.

For more information about protecting TRICARE personal information, visit the TRICARE Web page at www.tricare.mil/PII; for general information, visit www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/idtheft.

AUSA hosts Wounded Warriors during Ruggles golf tournament

Story and photo by
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APG News

A group of Wounded Warriors from Walter Reed Army Medical Center got into the swing of things with members of the Aberdeen Chapter of the Association of the United States Army during its 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course Oct. 15.

The AUSA sponsored the Soldier golfers for the event, which benefits the Fisher House.

Mary Jane Jernigan, AUSA chapter president, said inviting the Soldiers already is a tradition.

“This is a win-win because the tournament will help the Families of Wounded Warriors who stay at the Fisher House while their Soldier is recovering at Walter Reed,” she said. “And, golfing has become an important part of the Warrior’s recovery process.”

She said the tournament included a Mulligan Dollar Match Challenge sponsored by the Bel Air Kiwanis Club.

When players purchased a Mulligan, which allowed them one “replay” swing per purchase, the Kiwanis Club matched each purchase with the proceeds going to the Fisher House.

Wounded Warrior participants includ-



Sgt. Rafael Delgado watches from a golf cart as his friend, Sgt. Dewitt Osborne, tees off during the Association of the United States Army 2nd Annual Golf Tournament at Ruggles Golf Course Oct. 15. The event benefits the Fisher House in Washington, D.C. and Delgado and Osborne are Wounded Warriors from Walter Reed U.S. Army Medical Center who were guests of the tournament.

ed Sgt. Rafael Delgado, who partnered with his 8-year-old son, Giovanni, Sgt. Dewitt Osborne and Spc. Johnnie Gardner.

Delgado said his Family, including his wife and two other sons, are staying

at the Fisher House.

“They’re here going though the treatments with me,” he said, adding that he has played golf since he was a child.

“At Walter Reed, I’ve been able to work with a professional who works

with people with disabilities,” he said. “Playing on a golf course like this with my son is something special and knowing that it’s helping the Fisher House makes it even better.”

“This is part of our rehabilitation,” he added. “It’s one-hundred percent important to us to have our Families here with us and it’s nice to know this is something the armed forces added for our involvement.”

Osborne is an Army engineer from Washington, D.C. He has been at WRAMC for 2-and-one-half years and Gardner, a transportation specialist from Nashville, Tenn., has been there for “close to four years.”

Both said they would be medically retired once their rehabilitation is completed.

“I’ve only been playing golf about six months but I think it’s really helped,” Gardner said.

Osborne said they owed much to the Salute Military Golf Association (SMGA), a nonprofit organization that provides rehabilitative golf experiences for combat-wounded veterans.

“We thank the SMGA and groups like the AUSA that go out of their way to help Soldiers like us,” he said.

CECOM

From front page

of higher education are committed to providing the educational services to prepare the CECOM workforce for the future.

Lyons, on behalf of Maryland Governor Martin O’Malley, read and presented a proclamation naming Oct. 22, 2010, CECOM Day in the state of Maryland.

The state flag presented at the ceremony was recently flown over the state capitol building as a symbol of welcome to the command.

David Craig, Harford County Executive, presented the county flag also as a welcome symbol as well a proclamation of CECOM Day in the county.

Strong offered his appreciation for all the support extended to his command during its relocation.

“On behalf of our command and the entire U.S. Army, I want to thank the greater Aberdeen Proving Ground community, the state of Maryland, and all of our neighbors from far and wide who’ve welcomed us so warmly here,” said Strong. “We look forward to many decades of continuing

friendship and mutual support.”

Now that CECOM is located at APG, the command will contribute to the installation’s transformation efforts in becoming the Army’s hub for science and technology.

“We bring a proud command heritage and look forward to helping Aberdeen Proving Ground transform into a beacon of science and technology for the Army and the region,” said Strong during his remarks.

C4ISR organizations showcased various capabilities and equipment displays in the new campus courtyard and command auditorium for attendees to peruse.

On display in the courtyard were the AN/TPQ-36 counter mortar radar, the lightweight counter mortar radar and the TROJAN signal warfare system.

“We plan to use this campus as a catalyst for changing the way we do business,” said Strong. “We will nurture a collaborative working environment to develop, acquire, provide and sustain world-class C4ISR systems.”

Part of that collaborative work environment entails a domain organizational structure to maximize synergy among the Army C4ISR Materiel Enterprise

organizations by centrally locating them according to their similar functions. The intent is to position functional areas, or ‘domains,’ together to better track products through their entire life cycles, from concept to combat, Michael Vetter, CECOM director (G4), Logistics and Engineering, has said.

“For example, we positioned all personnel who work with sensors together so the ‘sustainers’ can have dialogue with the ‘R&D [research and development] experts,’” Vetter said. “This will provide better communication avenues between the organizations and ultimately deliver a better product to the Warfighter faster.”

CECOM is one of six organizations that make up the Army’s C4ISR Materiel Enterprise. The enterprise is a subset of the Army’s Materiel Enterprise; one of four Army Enterprises, which also include: Human Capital; Readiness; and Services and Infrastructure. The Materiel Enterprise is co-chaired by the U.S. Army Materiel Command and the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology, commonly referred to as ASA/ALT.

AMC organizations include: CECOM; the U.S. Army Communications-Electron-

ics Research, Development and Engineering Center; and the CECOM Contracting Center. ASA/ALT provides three Program Executive Offices to the team including the PEOs for Command, Control, Communications-Tactical; for Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors; and for Enterprise Information Systems.

As with any organizational move, CECOM is reconstituting its workforce. An estimated 50 percent of the Fort Monmouth civilian workforce has decided to relocate to APG, according to the CECOM G1 (Directorate of Personnel and Training).

With more than 2,000 personnel already here, more than 7,200 civilian, military and contractor positions dedicated to the C4ISR Materiel Enterprise mission will eventually reside at APG by late next summer, according to CECOM G1 officials.

Strong emphasized that people and their commitment and dedication have been CECOM’s most important asset as the command goes through this transition.

“Throughout the turbulence and challenges of base closure and realignment, we have never failed to meet our mission to support our nation’s warfighters,” he said.



FAMILY AND MORALE, WELFARE & RECREATION

Activities/Events

Military Family Appreciation Month Programs

As part of Military Family Appreciation Month, Army Community Service will host several programs in November.

Wise Use of Credit

This program will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Nov. 2 in building 2503 Highpoint Road. Know what credit is and why we use credit; advantages and disadvantages of using credit; identify different types of credit and how to establish credit.

For more information, call Arcelio Alleyne, 410-278-2450/7572.

Marital Strategies Part I and II

Two Family/Victim Advocacy Programs, lunch box training, will be held 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at ACS building 2503 High Point Road. Marital Strategies Part I will be held Nov. 9; Marital Strategies Part II will be held Nov. 19.

For more information, call Aida Rivera, 410-278-7572/7572.

Hearts Apart hosts "Celebrating the Military Family"

The Army Community Service Hearts Apart support group will host "Celebrating the Military Family, 6 to 7 p.m., Nov. 3, at ACS, building 2503 High Point Road. This get together is designed for Hearts Apart Families to network with each other. Bring a covered dish and

come join the fun. Hearts Apart is just another way to stay connected in the community and learn what ACS has to offer members and their Families as part of the ongoing commitment to support the Army Family Covenant. There will be light refreshments for all who participate.

Hearts Apart seeks to empower Families (military and DOD civilians) with information to help prepare the Families for the separation during deployments and TDYs. ACS offers a comprehensive array of programs and services dedicated to maintaining the readiness of the Total Army Family by fostering self-reliance, stability and resilience.

For more information, call 410-278-2464.

Trips to New York City cost more

Leisure Travel's eight hour trip to New York City has increased from \$36 to \$39 per person. The trip offers visitors time to sightsee, shop, see a Broadway matinee and more on Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27 and Dec. 4, 11 and 18. Enjoy the city without the driving or parking problems. Cost includes roundtrip transportation. The bus will depart 7:55 a.m. from the Edgewood Best Western parking lot on Route 24 and return 10:30 p.m.

For more information or to reserve a seat, call MWR Leisure Travel Office, Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, build-

ing 3326, 410-278-4011/4907 or email APGR-USAG-MWR-Leisure-Travel@conus.army.mil

Special Education Law

Aberdeen Proving Ground EFMP Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) Network and Support Group will join meetings with the Autism Society of Harford County. Mark Martin and Lisa Frank will be guest speakers on Special Education Law, 5 to 7 p.m., Nov. 8, at Ruggles Golf Course club house.

Martin, is an attorney with extensive experience advocating for the rights of children and individuals with disabilities. Lisa Frank, with The Special Kids Company, is an educational and behavioral consultant serving children, Families, and schools throughout Maryland.

For more information, call 410-278-2420.

Youth Cheerleading registration

Girls, ages 6 through 15 can register now through Nov. 9 for cheerleading. Cheer squads will cheer for APG Youth Basketball teams on Saturdays beginning Jan. 8, 2011. Practices will be held on weeknights. Cost to join cheerleading is \$40 per person.

Register at building 2503 Highpoint Road, room 210 or 211. Walk-in registration will be held 7:30 to 10:30 a.m. Call for an appointment after 10:30 a.m.,

410-278-7571/7479. Volunteer coaches are needed.

For more information, call Bill Kegley, 410-306-2297 or e-mail William.Kegley@us.army.mil.

Youth Winter Basketball registration

Boys and girls can register for basketball leagues through Nov. 9. There will be a coed Basketball League for ages 7 to 8; basketball leagues for ages 9 and 10, 11 and 12 and 13 and 14 will be separated into boys and girls teams. Games will be held 9 to 10:30 a.m. on Saturdays, from Jan. 8 to Feb. 19. There will be a basketball clinic for ages 4 through 6 on Saturdays only. Cost of the clinic is \$20 per person. Practices will be held weeknights for ages 7 through 14. Cost to join the league is \$40 per person.

Basketball Leagues deadline Nov. 17

Co-ed Basketball Leagues are open to all eligible MWR patrons 18 years of age and older. The basketball leagues will play by NCAA rules with modified APG bylaws. The deadline to sign up is Nov. 17. A rules meeting will be held 5 p.m., Nov. 29 at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326. Preseason tournament will take place Dec. 6 through 16. Regular season begins Jan. 3. Cost is \$250 per team.

For more information, call the Sports Office, 410-278-3929.

SKIES Unlimited

For more information or to register for a SKIES Unlimited class, call the Central Registration Office, building 2752, 410-278-7571/7479. Open to all DoD ID card holders. For an appointment, e-mail stacie.umbarger@conus.army.mil.

Driver's Ed classes run through December

Driver's Education classes are scheduled through Nov. 8; and Nov. 29 through Dec. 13. There are no classes on federal holidays. Classes will be held Monday thru Friday, 5 to 8 p.m. at The Ultimate Driving School, LLC, 13 North Parke Street,

Aberdeen.

Classes include 30 hours classroom instruction and six hours behind the wheel instruction. The last day to register for the first class is one week prior to the first class. Students must be between the ages of 15.9 and 18 years old. Open to all DoD ID card holders. Driver's Ed costs \$335 per student. Prices are subject to change without notice.

Jazz Hip-Hop

Learn age-appropriate dances and hip-hop themed routines from popular movies and music including Miley Cyrus, High

School Musical, Camp Rock, and more in a fun filled workshop that will have everyone up on their feet and feeling the groove. Cost of the dance class is \$45 per student

Dance classes will be held at Aberdeen Area Youth Services, building 2522 on Thursdays, through Nov. 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for ages 10 to 11; or Saturdays, through Nov. 13, 9 to 10 a.m. for ages 6 to 9 and 10 to 11 a.m. for ages 10 to 11.

Students must wear comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim.

Private Guitar Lessons

Private guitar lessons for ages 7 through 18 will be held through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m., or 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

No experience is necessary. Cost of the lessons is \$102 per student and includes one 30-minute session per week for six weeks.

Students also are required to purchase books for the course as recommended by the instructor. Books are a one-time purchase. Students must also provide their own guitar.

Martial Arts at APG present Tiny Tigers

Children ages 4 to 6 can join the Tiny Tigers Unity Tae Kwon Do School of Martial Arts at APG. Parent participation is required. Instructor Sabunim Sean A. Williams will teach this program. Classes are 5:30 to 6 p.m., Monday and Wednesday, and will be held monthly. The Tiny Tiger

program is an age appropriate version of Taekwondo that will help direct energy into confidence and character building skills. Students will learn traditional Taekwondo techniques such as blocking, punching and kicking including "Stranger Danger" and "Fire Safety" skills.

Unity TKD's Tiny Tiger's program places great emphasis on confidence and character building in all students. Students must wear a white T-shirt and sweat pants. Class size is limited to 12 parent and child pairings, so register early.

Musical Theater Workshop

Boys and girls ages 6 to 18 can join this fun-filled workshop series as they learn songs and routines from famous Broadway musicals, movies and hit shows including Hairspray, Glee, and Cats: the Musical. So get ready to say "Good Morning, Baltimore" and join in to all the singing and dancing. The workshop will be held at the Aberdeen Youth Center, building 2522 on Tuesdays or Saturdays. On Tuesdays, the class will be 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. through Nov. 9. On Saturdays, the class will be noon to 1 p.m. through Nov. 13. Cost of the workshop is \$45 per student. Students must wear comfortable clothing and shoes they can move in. No jeans or denim. Open to all DoD ID card holder Family members.

Private Piano Lessons

Private piano lessons will be given for ages 4 through 18, through Nov. 13, on Tuesdays or Fridays, 3 to 9:30 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturdays at the AA Youth Center, building 2503.

Lessons cost \$102 per student and include six weeks of 30-minute lessons once a week. Parents choose which time frame session they want when they register their child.

Students will be responsible for purchasing the required books for the course as recommended by the instructor.

Looking for a job?

Visit FMWR Jobs Available at www.apgmwr.com.

All jobs for Aberdeen Proving Ground are listed at <http://acpol.army.mil/employment/naf.htm> or check out AAFES Jobs link <http://odin.aafes.com/employment/> for additional job opportunities.

October bowling specials

- Early Bird special: Bowl from 7 to 10 a.m. for \$1 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.

- Monday through Friday, 2 to 4 p.m., bowl for \$.75 per game. Shoe rental costs \$2.

- Cosmic Saturdays: Each Saturday, receive one hour of bowling, one whole cheese pizza (toppings extra) and one pitcher of soda for \$32.

- Each Friday, 9:30 to 11 p.m., bowl one game for \$3.50 and bowl one game free. Shoe rental costs \$2.

New bowling rates

Bowling costs \$3 per game, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; games cost \$3.50 each on Fridays, 9:30 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Cosmic Saturdays cost \$3.75 per game; and \$3 per game on Sundays.

APG Bowling Center Snack Bar specials

Building 2342

The Bowling Center hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday and Tuesday; 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., Wednesday and Thursday; 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 to 11 p.m., Saturday; and 1 to 6 p.m., Sunday. Lunch delivery is available for all orders \$25 or more. Call for delivery before 11 a.m.

Week of Oct. 25

Special #1: Pork BBQ with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$6.25.
Special #2: Tuna salad with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$5.50.

Week of Nov. 1

Special #1: Chicken parmesian sub with French fries, cookie and regular soda for \$7.95.
Special #2: Egg salad sandwich with potato chips, cookie and regular soda for \$4.25.

The Bowling Center also serves breakfast. For more information or to place an order, call 410-278-4041. Orders must be placed before 10:30 a.m.



HIRED!

HIRED!, a new Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation program for teens ages 15 to 18, is an apprentice program where teens can explore positions in FMWR facilities.

The program will give teens guidance on preparing a resume, and teach them interview techniques as well as give them work experience in their chosen field. Children will receive a stipend for their work at the end of the term.

Teens Goal Setting Workshop

A Teens Goal Setting Workshop will be held for ages 13 to 18, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Nov. 15, at CYSS, building 2503. Teens will learn to master skills in goal setting techniques. Register at CYSS building 2503.

For more information, call 410-278-3250 or email jay.a.mckinney@us.army.mil.

Hired Orientation Day

Learn about the Hired! Apprenticeship Program for teens ages 15 to 18. The program will be held 9 to 10:30 a.m., Nov. 20 at the Child, Youth and School Services, building 2503.

Teens will learn about eligibility, required forms, training, placement sites, college tours. The next Hired! apprenticeship term will start Dec 6.

For more information, call 410-278-3250.



The EDGE

The EDGE Program is designed to highlight opportunities for children and youths in grades 1 through 12, to Experience, Develop, Grow and Excel in FMWR partner facilities.

Loyola University Campus Tour

There will be a Loyola University Campus Tour Nov. 6 for high school teens ages 15 to 18 only. Sign up at the Child, Youth and School Services administration building 2503, rooms 210 or 211. Students will depart from the AA Youth Center, building 2522 at 9:30 a.m. Bring money for lunch. Spaces are limited.

For more information, call 410-278-3250.

The Dark side of Social Media

Teens will learn what social media is like and how to protect themselves, and their job. Sean Wilhelm, CYSS Functional Technology Specialist will be the facilitator.

The class will be held Nov 18 in CYSS Building 2503, Room, 214, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. for ages 13 to 18.

Register at CYSS Parent Central Building 2503, Rooms 210 or 211.

Teen Health and Nutrition

The biggest issue concerning youth and teens today is the way they look. Perception is everything. Now youth and teens ages 11 to 18 can learn how to mold themselves into the person they want to be. Participants will discuss current issues in health and nutrition and how it all impacts their daily lives. And they can learn how to make the change they want to make. The program will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, Nov. 3 through 17, in the CYSS Conference Room 214, building 2503. This program is free to eligible youth and teens. Transportation will be provided from Aberdeen Area Youth Services; bus leaves at 3:45 p.m. sharp. Snacks and beverages will

be provided.

Zumba is back

Here's the program everyone has been asking for. Zumba returns to the EDGE program, 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursdays, Nov. 4 and 18 and Dec. 2, at the Aberdeen Area Athletic Center, building 3300. The program is free for eligible Family members of active duty, DoD civilian and contractor personnel ages 11 to 18. Parents can participate with their children. The program will be held in conjunction with the Athletic Center's Zumba exercise class. Transportation will be provided from the AA Youth Center; bus leaves at 3:45 p.m. sharp. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Money Management

The EDGE Teen Money Management program can help teens learn to save for the future and college including how to plan for things that happen later in life in the EDGE Teen Money Management program. Teens will learn about checking accounts, how to save for that rainy day, how to invest wisely and lots, lots more. The program will be held 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesdays, Nov. 2 through 23, in the CYSS Conference Room 214, building 2503. The program is free to eligible Family members of active duty, DoD civilian and contractor personnel ages 11 to 18. Transportation will be provided from the AAYS; bus leaves at 3:45 p.m. Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Register at the CYSS Central Registration Office, building 2503, or call 410-278-7571/7479.

For more information, call 410-278-1399 or email chuck.rose1@us.army.mil.



Photo by PFC. ALICIA BRAND

U.S. Army Soldiers, assigned to the 55th Signal Company (Combat Camera) and Maryland National Guard, conduct Air Assault training at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Sept. 29. The mission objective was to reinforce knowledge on sling-load operations with joint units.

Weide hosts joint helicopter exercise

Story by
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Undeterred by inclement weather, a joint, total force team took to darkening skies over Weide Army Airfield on the Edgewood Area of Aberdeen Proving Ground, Sept. 29, for a tactical helicopter exercise consisting of passenger and sling loading of High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV).

Active duty Soldiers from the 9th Signal Command's 55th Signal Company (Combat Camera), Maryland National Guard Soldiers from the 29th Combat Aviation Brigade, and Maryland Air National Guardsmen from the 175th Wing participated in the exercise.

Capt. David Paolucci, operations officer for the Joint Force Headquarters, MDNG Army Aviation Support Facility, a garrison supported organization on APG, said the exercise was "very beneficial" for the air crews.

"In particular, we renewed our currency for sling-load operations for five of our pilots and four of our crew chiefs," he said. "Normally, during home-station training, we satisfy our proficiency requirement by simply self-hooking and flying a heavy concrete block. Today, though, we were able to work with trained ground crews and sling-load tactical HMMWV vehicles which increased the realism of the field exercise for us."

Captain Rock Stevens, Executive Officer for the 55th Signal Company (Combat Camera) at Fort Meade, Md., said his team started off the day surveying the helicopter landing zone, prepping the vehicles for rigging and inspection and then rehearsing once the vehicles were approved.

"Our ground crews practiced signalman duties for guiding in aircraft, and hook-up man duties for placing the reach pendant attached to the HMMWV into the helicopter's cargo hook for a successful sling load," Stevens said.

Stevens later outlined the importance of the training for his unit's Soldiers.

"This exercise develops our cameramen as combat multipliers on the battlefield – capable of their primary job and air assault operations. The mountainous terrain of Afghanistan makes sling load operations common for reaching smaller combat outposts. By continuing to develop our relationship with the Maryland Army National Guard, we look forward to conducting this type of training at least quarterly in conjunction with our own airborne operations."

After the vehicle rigging, the 26 service members were divided into three groups, called "chalks," to begin passenger

load training. They included Airmen from the 175th Wing at Warfield Air National Guard Base at Martin State Airport, who were on hand to learn more about helicopter operations.

Tech. Sgt. Olen D. Smith, assistant unit training manager, 175th Security Forces Squadron, said he was excited about the day's event.

"I served as the chalk leader for my team that boarded the helicopter [and] I was responsible for personnel accountability, ensuring my team knew their mission and tasks, and ensuring that safety was practiced at all levels," Smith said. "The crew chiefs taught us about safety in and around the aircraft; approach and exit routes, danger areas like the tail rotor and standing in front of the door gunner, avoiding the engine exhaust, and emergency procedures. As the day moved on, I definitely learned some critical skills and it was just downright fun. Even though it rained, we really had a blast. The exercise was fantastic, and I look forward to continuing training opportunities. Not only do they increase inter-service awareness, they also support the adjutant general's direction for the Maryland Guard for homeland operations."

Another Airman, Master Sgt. Stephen L. Gray, 175th unit training manager, commented on the potential value of the training for his unit.

"It was a tremendous day of training, and really eye-opening," he said. "The exercise demonstrated some relevant opportunities to broaden our skill sets, especially with respect to domestic operations. Having our Airmen proficient on working with helicopters allows our unit rapid access to unimproved and degraded areas for homeland operations, and prepares our Airmen for deployed areas where helicopters are one of the safest and most common means of transportation."

"The Maryland National Guard has been steadily developing its support role to civil authorities with aviation assets. We can complement those operations with ground-based security forces, for instance, if the civilian authorities request our support to establish a neighborhood cordon or entry control points. The adjutant general is very focused on improving civil-military cooperation, and this would be a step toward that."

The balance of the morning was spent on the landing zone conducting sling load operations. With each lift, the ground crew's signal man and hook-up man worked in tandem with the aircrew to attach the HMMWV to the cargo hook. As one troop stood in front of the vehicle and braced against the full force



Photo by SGT. JOSEPH JOHNSON

Staff Sgt. Tarnish Pride (left) and Capt. Tyler Ginter, 55th Signal Company (Combat Camera), attach break-away ties to sling legs prior to sling loading a HMMWV at Weide Army Heliport during a joint air assault exercise with the Maryland National Guard at Aberdeen Proving Ground Sept. 29.

of the helicopter's rotor wash, another troop stood on top of the HMMWV as the 11,500 pound aircraft hovered a mere four feet above his head. Confidently, the first Soldier gave hand-and-arm signals to the aircrew to guide the helicopter over the vehicle, while the second Soldier kept his eyes on the aircraft's cargo hook to initiate a successful sling load. With the hookup complete, the howl of the dual General Electric T700-GE-700 turboshaft engines drowned out all other sound as the HMMWV – weighing almost 3 tons – was lifted toward the sky and became airborne.

Ground crew members were supervised by Sgt. Nathan L. Bieniek, Company C (Air Ambulance), 1/169th General Support Aviation Battalion, a unit non-rated crewmember flight instructor.

Bieniek served as ground safety during the multiple airlifts and was tasked with checking and double-checking the sling loads to ensure they were rigged correctly.

"As the safety, I stayed in communication with the aircrew, and I made sure that everyone on the ground was in the right place at the right time, so that everything went smoothly," Bieniek said. "The sling load ground crews were very perceptive. Our initial coordination was very good; and once we started flying, we all worked really well together."

"This was excellent training, added MDNG Chief Warrant Officer 5 Daniel B. Chapman, a Joint Forces state standardization instructor pilot. Chapman pointed out that the organization's aircrews also benefitted from the exercise.

"We have an assault company and a medical evacuation company, and all of the pilots have to train on sling load operations," he

said. "We always look forward to training with a unit on a tactical load, rather than self-hooking concrete blocks. Unlike a static concrete block, the HMMWV is a dynamic load that can spin or oscillate. It's a good experience for us to maneuver the aircraft to correct the load, as needed and to use power management since a HMMWV comes so close to the maximum power of the airframe. The personnel under the aircraft usually find their experience pretty exciting."

One ground crew member who worked beneath the helicopter, Spc. Mark L. Salazar, a multimedia illustrator in the Special Missions Platoon of the 55th Signal Company, offered his perspective.

"Under the hook, it's kind of a rush," he said. "You have a giant aircraft hovering over you, and you feel small. But you stay focused and it goes by fast, because once you hook up you're watching the bird do its thing and fly the load. I was prepared, though. It was definitely what I was expecting after having been to Air Assault School."

"I personally find it very rewarding to put that specialized training to work," he added with a smile. "I wouldn't mind doing it a couple more times."

Smith said he saw the benefits of sling loading for his security forces unit, as well.

"Just observing the sling load phase taught me how involved the procedure is – calculating the load plan for the HMMWV, safety taping the surfaces, calculating rigging lengths, and compliance with regulations. The effort definitely paid off, though. The vehicles were rigged; the crews performed signaling and hook-up duties, and executed safe and effective cargo retrieval. With our civil response missions, which commonly include movement of

emergency personnel and supporting equipment, sling loading external cargo would give us the capability to rig our equipment and move it rapidly over great distances, and give us greater access to unimproved areas."

Later in the day, the three chalks put their new passenger skills to work while tactically loading, riding aboard, and exiting a helicopter.

"For the training in the afternoon, I flew as the crew chief for all three assault-style lifts with the passengers," Bieniek said. "They did everything the way they were supposed to; they listened, were flexible and adjusted to my guidance. It went really well. The Combat Camera teams got all of the pictures they needed, and unloaded and loaded the aircraft just as we had practiced ... without a hitch."

Paolucci explained the strategic value of the day's activities. "Having people under the aircraft conducting the hook-up and in front of the aircraft giving hand-and-arm signals, requires our aircrews to raise their level of awareness, maintain communications, and plan their actions very deliberately," he said. "And anytime we train with an external unit, it exercises our pre-planning and coordination processes to ensure that the mission executes successfully."

"From an aviator's perspective, that makes the training more valuable and directly applicable to situations we'll face in an overseas contingency operation or in support of domestic response activities." *Editor's note: Lt. Col. Kjäll Gopaul is the deputy director, Joint and Air Staff Liaison Office, LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education. He also was the onsite approving officer for the sling loading exercise.*

Army sees potential in adaptive battlefield network

Story by
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When maneuvering through thick woods, in rugged terrain or in urban confines, Soldiers risk losing radio connectivity and the ability to communicate.

The intelligent, self-healing Wireless Network After Next (WNaN) tactical network could prevent that danger by adapting to changing circumstances to keep communications intact.

“As you move from one area to another, it automatically determines the best frequencies to utilize and the best path to utilize to maintain communications,” said Terry Claussen, deputy director of the PEO C3T Special Projects Office (SPO) evaluating WNaN. “The technology shows great potential, but we still have to look at it from the operational perspective.”

That is the purpose of the present Army evaluation at Fort Benning, Ga. There, Soldiers with the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) Experimental Force are conducting a series of operations to gauge WNaN’s performance in a realistic battle environment.

Along with earlier results from laboratory settings, the findings will be incorporated into a final WNaN evaluation report. The Army’s Program Executive Office Command, Control and Communications – Tactical (PEO C3T), to which the SPO is assigned, and other Army organizations will then craft recommended transition strategies for incorporating the technology into the Army’s plans.

Along with its ability to sense and jump to the available part of the spectrum, WNaN can also recover from signal disruptions and delays. It does so by storing information on interim network nodes until a connection can be found. WNaN could also eliminate the need for Soldiers to stop and manually adjust frequencies during operations, and could be “very valuable” at the company level because it offers more than the typical voice communications that exist for fire teams today, Claussen said.

“It also provides data, and can provide position location information to higher-level headquarters, which improves the leadership’s ability to understand where their teams are at and allows them to better maneuver those teams, and also to reduce potential fratricide,” Claussen said.

WNaN also leverages commercial parts in an effort to minimize radio costs,



Soldiers use Wireless Network After Next (WNaN) technology during training at Fort Benning, Ga, where an Army evaluation is being conducted to gauge WNaN’s performance in a realistic battle environment.

Photo courtesy U.S. ARMY

he said.

At Fort Benning, Soldiers are testing WNaN in missions including a movement to contact, a deliberate attack, a reconnaissance followed by a hasty attack, a raid and a cordon and search, said Mr. Harry Lubin, chief of the experimentation branch of the Maneuver Battle Lab. The settings mimic various combat environments – urban, wooded, rolling terrain – and even the sounds and smells of battle are pumped in.

Standing in for the enemy is a contracted “red force” also overseen by TRADOC, Lubin said.

“They actually put people on the ground to ensure that the enemy is fighting using the current tactics,” he said. “So it is very credible. It’s very realistic.”

Members of the Experimental Force, a 61-man “company-minus,” are well-prepared to evaluate the WNaN technology because they have experienced combat deployments as well as previous

experiments at Fort Benning, Lubin said. Every step of the way, the Soldiers’ verbal feedback is collected and matched up with audio and video captured from the missions, as well as technical data generated by the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System (MILES).

The emerging information collected on WNaN’s performance will be briefed to Army senior leaders at a VIP day in early November, Claussen said. Soldiers will also share their initial impressions with the VIPs, after demonstrating an assault on a mock village, Lubin said.

“The urban environment provides a number of challenges for communications systems that capabilities of the WNaN system should help us provide a solution to,” he said.

Prior to the Fort Benning assessment, WNaN demonstrated its potential during field evaluations conducted this summer by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA). The PEO C3T supported those evaluations, culminat-

ing with a demonstration of a 52-node network at Fort Devens, Mass. that highlighted WNaN’s high voice quality, frequency agility and message completion.

The Fort Benning evaluation will conclude in mid-November, and a briefing on WNaN to the Vice Chief of Staff of the Army is tentatively planned for March 2011, Claussen said.

Between the DARPA tests and the thorough evaluation at Fort Benning, officials hope to provide a complete picture of WNaN’s performance – including its potential for large-scale distribution to Soldiers. Theoretically, its advanced routing protocols can support scalability to thousands of nodes, allowing widespread deployment in dense environments.

“The current challenge is the more radios you add to a network, the harder it gets to pass information,” Lubin said. “WNaN is just the opposite, in theory, in that as you add radios the network expands. That’s really revolutionary.”